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1. JAPANESE MISSION 1ST SECRETARY NAGAI CONVEYED TO MISOFFS
MARCH 21 AMB. SAITO'S GREAT APPRECIATION FOR BRIEFINGS AND OTHER
HOSPITALITY EXTENDED BY US EMBASSIES IN CARIBBEAN DURING THEIR
RECENT VISIT (REF A). NAGAI SAID THAT CONVERSATIONS WITH US
AMBASSADORS IN AREA PROVIDED JAPANESE WITH VALUABLE INSIGHTS,
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PARTICULARLY SINCE GOJ HAS HAD LITWE CONTACT UNTIL NOW

WITH CARIBBEAN COMMONWEALTH STATES. SAITO REGRETTED THAT TIME DID NOT PERMIT MEETING WITH AMB. DONOVAN IN BARBADOS (REF B).

2. NAGAI SAID AMB. SAITO AND HE STRUCK BY: A) POVERTY AND UNEMPLOYMENT THROUGHOUT CARIBBEAN NATIONS ON US AS OUTLET FOR THEIR SURPLUS POPULATION; B) GREATER IDENTIFICATION OF CARIBBEAN COMMONWEALTH NATIONS (ABOVE ALL JAMAICA, TRINIDAD AND GUYANA) WITH "THIRD WORLD", PARTICULARLY BLACK AFRICA, THAN WITH REST OF LA OR EVEN WITH THEIR SPANISH SPEAKING ISLAND NEIGHBORS; AND C) "HIGH EXPECTATIONS" WHICH CARIBBEAN STATES PLACING IN TRADE WITH AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FROM JAPAN. NAGAI SAID PLE AMB. SAITO NOT INVOLVED IN GOJ'S BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH CARIBBEAN STATES, HE WOULD RECOMMEND TO GOJ THAT IT INITIATE MODEST ECONOMIC PROGRAMS IN THE AREA, PARTICULARLY IN JAMAICA AND GUYANA. NAGAI ADDED THAT, CONTRARY TO THEIR EXPECTATIONS, THEY FOUND GRENADA "VERY CALM".

3. COMMENT: AMB. SAITO'S TRIP ADDITIONAL INDICATION THAT HE PLANS TO DEMONSTRATE AT UN MORE JAPANESE CONCERN WITH AND SYMPATHY TOWARDS VIEW OF NON-ALIGNED. 1ST SECRETARY NAGAI, WHO HAS REPLACED SUZUKI AS JAPANESE MISSION OFFICER IN CHARGE OF AFRICAN AND DECOLONIZATION MATTERS, ADVOCATES SUCH AN APPROACH. NAGAI SERVED UNDER SAITO IN INDONESIA AND ENJOYS HIS CONFIDENCE.
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